

Vocab for the 2017-2018 School Year

#1 Convey

- a) To communicate a message or information
- b) Verb
- c) I conveyed my frustration with this plan when I spoke to its main organizer.

#2 Rural

- a) In the countryside or in farm country (and not the city)
- b) Adjective
- c) During our road trip, we drove through rural Virginia and saw all kinds of hills and valleys and open spaces.

#3 Designate

- a) To choose someone for a specific job or position
- b) Verb
- c) We designated Riley to be the person in charge of our new club because of her responsible and respectful behavior.

#4 Liberate

- a) To set someone free from a situation where their freedom is very limited
- b) Verb
- c) Brandon was accused of a crime that he did not commit, and he felt liberated when the jury found him not guilty.

#5 Feeble

- a. Lacking in force or effectiveness; weak
- b. adjective
- c. My brother always gave feeble excuses for why he could not do homework each night.

#6 Opportunist

- a. a person who takes advantage of a situation for personal gain, often by ignoring whether it is the right or wrong thing to do
- b. noun
- c. Harry accused Kellen of being an opportunist because he deliberately neglected homework when he knew a teacher would be absent the next day.

#7 Tremble

- a) To shake uncontrollably, usually because of excitement, nervousness, or physical weakness
- b) Verb
- c) I could feel myself trembling at the concert as I waited to hear my name called backstage.

#8 Ignorance

- a) Lack of knowledge or information; not knowing or being aware of something
- b) Noun
- c) His co-workers did not follow politics, so when he tried to talk to them about the election, their ignorance was obvious.

#9 Unforeseen

- a) Not expected or predicted
- b) Adjective
- c) The car trouble was unforeseen, so we arrived much later than we said we would.

#10 Deteriorate

- a) To become worse over time
- b) Verb
- c) My guitar skills deteriorated after I stopped playing for 10 years.

#11 Meticulous

- a) Very careful and precise
- b) Adjective
- c) My teacher commended my meticulous work on the Science project.

#12 Commend

- a) To give praise; to compliment
- b) Verb
- c) I commended the student for her meticulous work on her Science project.

#13 Skeptical

- a) Showing doubt or uncertainty
- b) Adjective
- c) I was skeptical that Ms. Smith would actually pay the students \$100 for not using their phones over the summer.

#14 Bombard

- a) To attack constantly
- b) Verb
- c) The reporter bombarded the politician with questions after he made a statement that many people were skeptical about.

#15: Defer

- a) To put off or delay
- b) Verb
- c) The person deferred admission to college for a year, so he started school in the Fall of 2011.

#16: Fester

- a) To rot or wither
- b) Verb
- c) The wound festered on Jim's foot for weeks after he punctured it on a nail.

#17 Disheveled

- a) Untidy; messy (usually about a person's hair, clothing, or appearance)
- b) Adjective
- c) Cynthia looked completely disheveled as she arrived home from a very long day at work.

#18 Indifferent

- a) Having no particular interest or sympathy; unconcerned
- b) Adjective
- c) I watched the football game so I could be with my friends; I was indifferent about who would win the game.

#19 Implore

- a) To beg desperately
- b) Verb
- c) I had to implore my parents to let me go to the dance even though I got a demerit.

#20 Vigor

- a) With enthusiasm or energy
- b) Noun

- c) I ran with renewed vigor, and I crushed my personal record as a result.

#21 Genuine

- a) Real and sincere; not phony
- b) Adjective
- c) I was being genuine when I told my parents that I wanted to stop playing basketball.

#22 Prejudice

- a) Unfair or unjust opinions about a person or group that is not based on facts
- b) Noun
- c) The group's prejudice was on full display when they started asking their members if they could really trust a woman in charge.

#23 Precariously

- a) Dangerously
- b) Adverb
- c) The squirrel dangled precariously on the tree branch, but managed to pull himself up.

#24 Raucously

- a) Very loudly
- b) Adverb
- c) The crowd cheered raucously when the home team took to the field.

#25 Rights

- a) freedoms that cannot be denied to any person
- b) noun
- c) "I know my rights, and I want a lawyer!" he said to the detective.

#26 Assuage (pronounced "uh-SAGE")

- a) to make an unpleasant feeling go away or less intense
- b) verb
- c) I assuaged my thirst when I bought myself a Gatorade.

#27 Eccentric

- a. unusual; peculiar; unconventional
- b. adjective
- c. My neighbor is a bit eccentric; he owns twelve cats, only wears

mismatched shoes, and talks with a British accent when he grew up in Missouri.

#28 Malevolent

- a. having or showing a wish to do evil to others
- b. Adjective
- c. Professor Snape looked at Harry with a malevolent glare when Harry defeated Malfoy once again.

#29 Sluggish

- a) Without energy; inactive
- b) Adjective
- c) I was very sluggish this morning because I studying for my quiz until 2:00 AM.

#30 Fruitless

- a) not achieving the desired results; useless
- b) adjective
- c) Despite having friends in the movie business, John's pursuit of acting was ultimately fruitless.

#31 Inquisitive

- a) Curious -- sometimes too curious
- b) Adjective
- c) My inquisitive friend always seemed to know who was going out with whom.

#32 Quibble

- a) To argue or bicker over something silly or unimportant
- b) Verb
- c) My siblings and I used to quibble over who could use the internet when we were younger.

#33 Disorderly

- a) breaking down peaceful and law-abiding behavior; rowdy or unruly
- b) adjective
- c) The speaker attempted to subdue the loud and disorderly crowd.

#34 Indicative

- a) Pointing out or showing something
- b) Adjective

- c) The protests against the ban on refugees are indicative of the anger people feel about that rule.

#35 Passe

- a) Out of style; not interesting or cool anymore
- b) Adjective
- c) While they were very popular in the early 1990s, parachute pants are now considered quite passe.

#36 Tentative

- a) Unconfirmed; not certain or definite
- b) Adjective
- c) My fiancée and I set a tentative date for our wedding, but it is not set in stone.

#37 Formidable

- a. inspiring fear or respect because of being strong, powerful, or talented at something
- b. adjective
- c. Muhammad Ali is considered one of the all-time greatest boxers because he defeated many formidable opponents.

#38 Elucidate

- a. to make something clear; explain
- b. verb
- c. Mr. Abbas elucidated the new concept when he saw the confusion on his students' faces.

#39 Meekly

- a) Quietly or weakly
- b) Adverb
- c) I spoke meekly when I admitted I stole the candy, for I knew it would upset my parents greatly.

#40 Revive

- a) To bring back something that was inactive or unused
- b) Verb
- c) The debate over the war in Afghanistan was revived when it was reported that four soldiers died there recently.

#41 Integrity

- a. strong moral behavior; consistent honesty
- b. noun
- c. It feels like most politicians do not have much integrity these days.

#42 Humility

- a. The act of being humble; modesty
- b. noun
- c. Kevin Durant is loved by many because of his humility; he never brags about his success.

#43 Elusive (from *This I Believe* "Leaving Identity....")

- a) Hard to find or catch
- b) Adjective
- c) The criminal was elusive, avoiding the police at all times.

#44 Culminate (also from *This I Believe*)

- a) To reach the climax or highest point of something (like an experience or process)
- b) Verb
- c) The journey up the mountain culminated in the most magnificent scenery I have ever witnessed.

#45 Recitation

- a) the action of repeating something aloud from memory
- b) noun
- c) The student's recitation of the Declaration of Independence was flawless -- she did not miss a single word.

46 Emulate

- a) to imitate or try to match another person's behavior or skill
- b) verb
- c) Ever since Steph Curry started dominating the NBA with his three-point shooting, players around the country have tried to emulate that style of play.

#47 Impudent

- a) Not showing proper respect to another person
- b) Adjective

- c) Brian was being impudent with his mom, and he was grounded for three weeks because of it.

#48 Sociable

- a) Friendly; interested in and willing to talk with others
- b) Adjective
- c) I have always been very sociable -- I get that quality from my mom, who loves meeting new people.

#49 Grit

- a) The ability to work hard to overcome obstacles
- b) Noun
- c) A student with grit is often well-prepared for the challenges of college and the workforce.

#50 Undertake

- a) To take on; to commit oneself to doing a particular task
- b) Verb
- c) I have to undertake a lot more responsibility now that I have been promoted at work.